## Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 2, beginning at line 19 with the following amended paragraph:

- -In general, a user may direct software operations by employing tools, referred to as "control elements," e.g. buttons, menus, windows, text, etc, that are provided by a computer system. Typically, at lease least some of the control elements are displayed on the user interface. Control elements may be active in instructing the software to execute operations, such as output information, or may be passive to simply display useful information on the screen, such as windows showing stored data. Several attributes of control elements presented on the display, such as the control elements' presentation, behavior, function, etc., influence the overall convenience of the GUI. - -

